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- 1. PER INSTRUCTIONS PARA (2) REFTEL, WE GAVE UK DEPT. OF TRADE, SHIPPING POLICY OFFICE (BANNARD), INFO COPY OF TEXT OF PARA (3) REFTEL.
- 2. BANNARD SAID WHILE UK DOES NOT CONSIDER IT IS IN PROPER OSITION TO PRESENT FORMAL NOTE TO GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH US NOTE ADDRESSED, IT NONETHELESS WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS US INITIATIVE AND WILL BACK UP US APPROACH IN CONTACTS WITH RECIPIENTS OF US NOTE.
- 3. IN REVIEW OF UK UNDERSTANDING OF PRESENT POSITIONS OF FIVE GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH NOTE SENT, FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS MADE BY BANNARD:
- (A) FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY: THE GERMANS MOVING TOWARD DECISION ON SIGNATURE OF CODE BY JUNE 30. ON BALANCE IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT GERMANS WILL SIGN BUT WITH RESERVATIONS. BANNARD NOTED THAT HAMBURG SHIPPING INTERESTS FAVOR CODE AND IT UNDERSTOOD THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, A DELEGATE FROM HAMBURG, SUPPORTS THEIR POSITION IN CABINET. THE GERMANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE COMPATIBILITY ISSUE, AND, EVEN IF CODE SIGNED BY JUNE 30, ACTION ON EVENTUAL RATIFICATION WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME THEREAFTER.
- (B) BELGIUM: THE BELGIANS REMAIN THE MOST "RADICAL" IN SUPPORT OF THE CODE, INTEND TO SIGN IT, AND REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT THE QUESTION OF COMPATIBILITY IN ANY WAY IS APPLICABLE TO THE CODE.
- (C) AUSTRALIA: UNTIL VERY RECENTLY AUSTRALIA HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO SIGN CODE WITHOUT QUESTION BY JUNE 30. RECENT INDICATIONS RECEIVED BY BRITISH SUGGEST THIS SITUATION HAS ALTERED AND AUSTRALIA MAY NOW BE REVIEWING ITS POSITION.

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(D) SPAIN: THE BRITISH HAVE NO INSIGHT INTO SPANISH

THINKING ON SIGNATURE OF THE CODE.

(E) FRANCE: THE FRENCH WILL SIGN THE CODE. THEY CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THAT THIS IS A POLITICAL ACT SIGNIFYING NOTHING IN SUPPORT OF THE CODE NOR REQUIRING ANY DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT THE CODE IS COMPATIBLE WITH EITHER THE TREATY OF ROME OR THE OECD CODE OF LIBERALIZATION. THEY INSIST THAT ANY CONSIDERATION OF

COMPATIBILITY SHOULD ARISE ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF A SUBSEQUENT DECISION ON NOTIFICATION OF THE CODE.

(F) JAPAN: THE JAPANESE HAVE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN REACHING A DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO SIGN THE CODE BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES. NO DECISION ON THE CODE IS EXPECTED BY JAPAN UNTIL LATE THIS YEAR AT THE EARLIEST, THUS PRECLUDING POSSIBILITY THAT JAPAN WILL SIGN BY JUNE 30.

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